

1 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
2 Appropriations and Finance Committee
3 Minutes
4 December 12, 2008
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6 Meeting called to Order: 1:33 p.m.
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8 Roll Call: Committee members present. Committee Person Alice Yellowbank,
9 Committee Person Shirley Oldman, and Committee Chairman Gerald Chingwa.
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11 Guests and Staff present: Val Tweedie, CFO, Bea Law, Legislative Leader.
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13 Agenda: Motion adopt Agenda with amendments by Committee Person Shirley
14 Oldman. Second by Committee Person Alice Yellowbank. Motion Passes.
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16 Minutes: Approval of Minutes for December 3, 2008. Motion to approve as
17 Corrected by Committee Person Shirley Oldman. Second by Committee Person
18 Alice Yellowbank. Motion passes.

19 Motion by Committee Person Shirley Oldman and Second by Committee Person
20 Alice Yellowbank to Table Minutes for September 3, 2008 and April 16, 2008.
21 Motion passes.
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23 Old Business: Snow Plowing for elders. Discussion regarding whether snow
24 plowing service will be provided. CFO Val Tweedie will meet with Tribal
25 Administrator Al Colby to discuss whether the snow plowing service will be
26 available and affordable this winter. The issue will be a Carry Over for next
27 meeting.

28 Discussion about Transportation for the Tuesday only language classes
29 for elders. The transportation issue involves two departments for funding. CFO
30 Val Tweedie will talk with relevant department representatives to determine
31 whether funding is available to pay for a driver and a vehicle for transportation for
32 the language class. The issue will be a Carry Over for next meeting.
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34 Public Comment: 2:35 P.M. Bea Law, Legislative Leader mentions that
35 discussion about Per Capita payments is left off agenda. Committee Chairman
36 Gerald Chingwa assures Ms. Law that the A&FC will add the issue to the
37 General Discussion section of today's agenda.

38 Legislative Leader Law mentions that discussion about amendments to statutes
39 to repeal Health Committee and to revise the Education Committee to an
40 Appeals Board. Committee Chairman Gerald Chingwa will add the discussion
41 the General Discussion section of today's agenda.

42 Public Comment closes at 2:39 P.M.
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44 Old Business resumes: Discussion on 2009 Budget reductions. The LTBB
45 Gaming Board of Directors has requested to meet with the A&FC at 3:00 P.M. to

1 discuss their budget. Committee Chairman Gerald Chingwa has added the
2 Gaming Board of Directors to the New Business Section of today's agenda.

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4 Meeting Break at 2:40 P.M. Meeting resumes at 2:50 P.M.

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6 **New Business:** Gaming Board of Directors and Staff arrive to the A&FC
7 meeting. After introductions, the Gaming Board Executive Assistant provided a
8 spreadsheet review of the Gaming Board 2009 budget draft. After the budget
9 review the Gaming Board excused themselves. Before leaving the meeting, the
10 Gaming Board was asked to return to answer a question about the Gaming
11 Board moving the office from the casino to available office space at 911 Spring
12 St., Petoskey. The LTBB Gaming Board would be more accessible without
13 requiring all visitors to obtain permission and a badge to get to the Gaming
14 Board. Also, the casino G.M. has mentioned several times that he needs all
15 available office space within the casino for casino operations. It is felt by the
16 A&FC that our casino operations are primary to maximize revenue potential. The
17 Gaming Board's answer was that they were not moving.

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19 The A&FC reviewed the Gaming Board 2009 Operating Budget that was
20 provided. After the A&FC review, Committee Person Alice Yellowbank made a
21 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council that the A&FC approve the Gaming
22 Board of Directors 2009 budget in the amount of \$101,305.00 and that the 2009
23 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) membership dues in the amount of
24 \$15,000.00 are suspended. Committee Chairman Gerald Chingwa seconds the
25 Motion. The Motion passes with Committee Person Shirley Oldman abstaining.

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27 The remaining New Business discussions were revisions of statutes to repeal the
28 Health Board and to revise the Education Board to an Appeals board. The A&FC
29 recommends that the Tribal Council review LTBB Department Boards,
30 Committee and Commissions and to update them so they meet 2001
31 requirements. The discussion suggests the elimination of the Health Board;
32 revise the Economic Development Commission (EDC) and replace with a Tribally
33 Chartered Corp. The Chartered Corp may use the EDC personnel or volunteers
34 from the surrounding community. The Charter Corporation Board could become
35 the body to work with revenue generating Economic Development projects. The
36 EDC would work as a Community Development Board rather than working with
37 revenue generating enterprises.

38 LTBB should revisit ICWA statute and change the committee to 3 people and
39 meet quarterly.

40 Discussions were about how to reduce expenses by managing our departments
41 better with fewer board members and slimmer budgets.

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43 The A&FC reviewed the Per Capita Distribution payments for 2009. We
44 acknowledged the possibility of reduced or no Per Capita payments in 2009. The
45 Per Capita payments are growing with each enrollment and the Casino EBITDA
46 is failing to meet its projections.

1 Discussions about payments of 6% and 2% should include the Gaming Board.
2 Discussions regarding if we have more than 10% casino revenue drop, we
3 reduce payments to State by 1%. Additional discussion regarding suspension of
4 payments to state. Final discussion about the question: What are core programs
5 needed to survive as a government?
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7 Set Next Meeting Date per schedule: January 7, 2009 at Rm 312 of LTBB
8 Government Bldg.
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10 Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn at 5:46 P.M. by Committee Person Shirley Oldman.
11 Second by Committee Person Alice Yellowbank. Motion passes.
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